

Newcomer Tinsley stars as Wycombe gain away points

Kingstonian 0, Wycombe Wanderers 2

A SOUND, competent all-round performance gained Wycombe Wanderers their first Isthmian League away points at the expense of Kingstonian at Kingston on Saturday.

Wycombe were well worth their victory and with better luck might well have come away with a much larger win under their belts. Manager-coach Barry Davill was forced to make a late change, when Barry Baker dropped out with influenza. Peter Roystone came into the side at right-half, John Beck moving to right-back and Ian Rundle appeared in the left-half berth.

The visitors' defence proved watertight, with Rundle and Faulkner providing a formidable combination in the middle. The home forwards always found difficulty in getting past these two strong tackling defenders.

The majority of the Wycombe followers concentrated their attention on centre-forward Ron Tinsley, playing his first full match for the Wanderers.

HIT THE BAR

He certainly did not disappoint them, displaying a number of delicate touches in mid-field, and he was unfortunate not to score in the first-half, when his header hit the bar.

The Wanderers were given the tonic of a goal after ten minutes. Samuels latched onto a loose ball in mid-field and split the defence with his through pass which found the lurking Horseman. As Tony moved past Adaway he was cut down from behind and made no mistake with the resulting spot-kick, sending 'keeper Stirling the wrong way.

This goal gave Wycombe the added confidence they needed, and generally they began to take control of the game, with Horseman looking particularly dangerous every time he touched the ball.

Although the Kingstonian front line did little to worry the Wycombe rearguard there was one anxious moment mid-way through the first half. A low ball across the face of Wanderers goal found Willis, who quickly cut into the box, rounded Maskell and then saw his shot superbly headed over the bar by Faulkner.

BRILLIANT SAVES

Wycombe still maintained their all-round superiority in the second half and home 'keeper Stirling gained all the honours, making a number of fine saves.

In the 67th minute Wycombe put the issue beyond doubt when Worley won a corner on the right. Roystone received a short pass from Len, and from an almost impossible angle screwed the ball into the top left hand corner.

This goal knocked the stuffing out of Kingstonian and Wycombe were able to ease the pressure, although Horseman was again thwarted by the young Stirling when he finger-tipped his effort to safety.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; J. Beck, P. Eyres; P. Roystone, V. Faulkner, I. Rundle; L. Worley, K. Samuels, R. Tinsley, A. Horseman, L. Merrick. Sub.: B. Donaldson.

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The margin of Wycombe's victory might easily have been greater. Horseman opened the scoring after ten minutes from a penalty after he had been brought down.

Kingstonian attacks were competently dealt with by Maskell. Roystone scored with a powerful drive from a narrow angle in the 63rd minute after a corner from Worley.